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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: MASS MPOL UR RH MZ

SUBJECT: MOZAMBICAN MILITARY BUILDUP

1. HEAD OF AFRICA-ASIA DIVISION IN FOREIGN MINISTRY QUEIROS DE BARROS TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 21 THAT PORTUGUESE CONSUL IN BEIRA RECENTLY REPORTED A LARGE AND CONSTANT INFLUX OF SOVIET WEAPONRY, INCLUDING TANKS, INTO THE NORTHERN MOZAMBICAN PORT OF NACALA. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THE CHOICE OF NACALA FOR THIS PURPOSE PUZZLES GOP ANALYSTS, WHO DESCRIBE THE PORT AS REMOTE AND LACKING INFRASTRUCTURE IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER MOZAMBICAN PORTS.

2. THE BEIRA CONSUL COMMENTED IN HIS REPORT THAT, IN HIS VIEW, THE BUILDUP OF MATERIAL WAS IN PREPARATION FOR A LARGE-SCALE CONVENTIONAL ATTACK AGAINST RHODESIA. BARROS, HOWEVER, DISCOUNTED THIS POSSIBILITY AND NOTED THAT MOST GOP OFFICIALS HOLD THAT ANY SUCH CONVENTIONAL ATTACK WOULD PROVE LITTLE MORE THAN A SPLENDID TARGET FOR RHODESIAN  
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